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The present invention relates to the use of a polynucleotide fragment comprising PKC_{γ} gene including type 1 subtype of protein kinase C in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a neurodegenerative disorder. The invention further relates to use of a polypeptide a method of testing an animal, such as human, thought to have or be predisposed to having a neurodegenerative disorder. Further disclosed is detecting the presence of a mutation in PKC_{γ} gene and/or its associated promoter.